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SUBJECT: FEB 77 EDP TECH SEMINAR: PERSONNEL TRAVEL

REF: A) MANAMA 425 (NOTAL) B) KUWAIT 1003 C) MANAMA 420
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1. MUCH APPRECIATE REF (C) VISA INFO AND OFFER TO
PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE NEEDED. OF THE THIRTEEN
PERSONS NOW IN RUAN'S TOW AND REF (C) TWO ADDITIONAL
HONEYWELL REPS, ST. DIZIER AND CHALOUHI, WHO MAY JOIN
GROUP FOR BAHRAIN VISIT OF SUBJECT SEMINAR TEAM, ALL
EXCEPT TEAM MEMBERS MCGOVERN (U.S. PASSPORT) AND KING
GILLIES AND GALLAGHER (BRITISH PASSPORTS) REPORTEDLY
HAVE BAHRAIN VISAS. EMBASSY HERE PLANS TO OBTAIN VISA
FOR MCGOVERN 23 FEB. KING GILLIES AND GALLAGHER WILL
ATTEMPT OBTAIN VISAS AT BAHRAIN EMBASSY TOMORROW
DIRECTLY OR THROUGH LOCAL U.K. EMBASSY PER PRO-
CEDURE RUAN FOLLOWED IN OBTAINING GALLAGHER'S SAUDI
VISA IN KUWAIT. IF THESE EFFORTS FAIL, TRUST AIR-
PORT VISAS CAN AND WILL BE OBTAINED IN MANAMA PER
REF (C) ADVICE. FYI, MCGOVERN MAY NEED ONE-DAY
EXTENSION OF ANY AIRPORT VISA AS ONLY HE OF EIGHT
OTHER TEAM MEMBERS PLANNING TO DELAY DEPARTURE TO
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1 MARCH. OTHER MEMBERS REPORT NOT HAVING BEEN
ASKED TO EXTEND MANAMA VISIT TO 1 MARCH AS REQUESTED
BY RUAN IN REF (D) PARA ONE.

2. IF THOSE IN EXPANDED GROUP TRAVELLING ON
VARIOUS OTHER VISAS DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE BAHRAIN
VISAS, RUAN WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN PASSPORT DATA

REQUESTED IN REF (A) AND PASS TO BURLEIGH 23 FEB
BY PHONE.

3. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY JIDDA STRUGGLING VALIANTLY
TO SECURE CONFIRMATIONS ON SV 824 FEB 25 FOR ALL
FOURTEEN PERSONS WHO HAVE TRAVELED WITH TEAM DURING
BAGHDAD-JIDDA PORTION. AT THIS WRITING, ALL NINE
TEAM MEMBERS PLUS TWO CAMP FOLLOWERS HAVE CONFIRMA-
TIONS. THIS INCLUDES TED RYAN OF EDS, WHOSE PLACE
IN BAHRAIN VISIT TO BE TAKEN BY JAMES HAMILTON OF
EDS HERE. EDS WORKING THROUGH GHEIR TRAVEL AGENT
HERE ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE TO SWITCH HAMILTON
FOR RYAN ON FLIGHT MANIFEST. AS RUAN TOLD IN
KUWAIT AND HERE, FLIGHT ARLEADY FULLY BOOKED.
SUFFICE IT TO SAY, SUBJECT EVENT HAS USED UP
MUCH OF POSTS' LOCAL GOODWILL WITH AIRLINES IN
BAGHDAD, KUWAIT, AND JIDDA. NO WORDS IN LEXICON
CAN EXPRESS ADEQUATE THANKS TO POSTS. OBVIOUS
LESSONS TO BE LEARNED IN BRIEFING FUTURE MISSIONS
AND SEMINAR TEAMS IN WASHINGTON.

4. RE REF (C) PARA ONE, INFO ON HOTEL RESERVATIONS,
INFO WILL BE PASSED TONIGHT TO HONEYWELL CONTINGENT.

5. SIMMONS APPRISED OF REF (C) PARA THREE MEETING
CANCELLATION.
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